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New Bedford Human Relations Commission in Collaboration with The Women's Center Publish K'iche' Brochures

New Bedford, Massachusetts- The New Bedford Human Relations Commission in collaboration with the Women's Center have published a collection of culturally appropriate informational brochures in the Mayan language of K'iche' in an effort to educate and empower victims of domestic violence within the New Bedford Mayan community.

"It is important to have linguistically appropriate materials to address the issue of domestic violence within the Mayan community," expressed Pamela McCloud Lima, Executive Director of the Women's Center. "New Bedford is the first city in Massachusetts to offer this type of information in the K'iche' language. We hope that other cities with growing Mayan communities will utilize The Women's Center as a resource."

The joint project was funded through the Greater New Bedford Coast Mini Grant program. The new brochures have already been distributed to almost 30 service providers who work with the New Bedford's Mayan community. For more information please contact the Human Relations Commission at (508) 978-1464 or The Women's Center at (508) 996-3343.

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